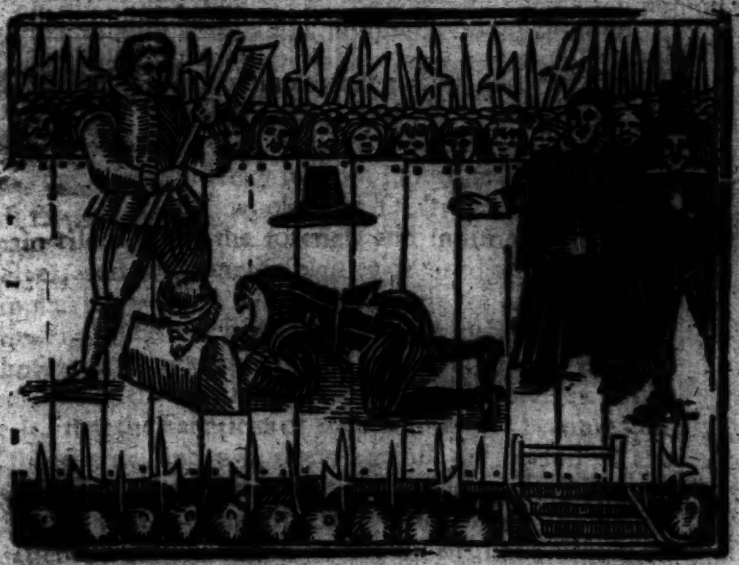
A great and Bloody Plot discovered against His Royal Majesty, CHARLES, by the Grace of God King of *Great Brittain*, *France*, and *Ireland*. And the names of the cheif Actors and Conspirators, who desperately threatned to wash their Wicked Hands in His Royal Blood. With the beheading of one of the grand Traytors.

Ezek. 21. 27. *I will overturn, overturn, overturn; and it shall be no more; until He come whose* Right *it is, and I will Give it Him.*

Psalm 132. 18. *His Enemies I will* Cloath *with shame; but on Him his* Crown *shall flourish.*



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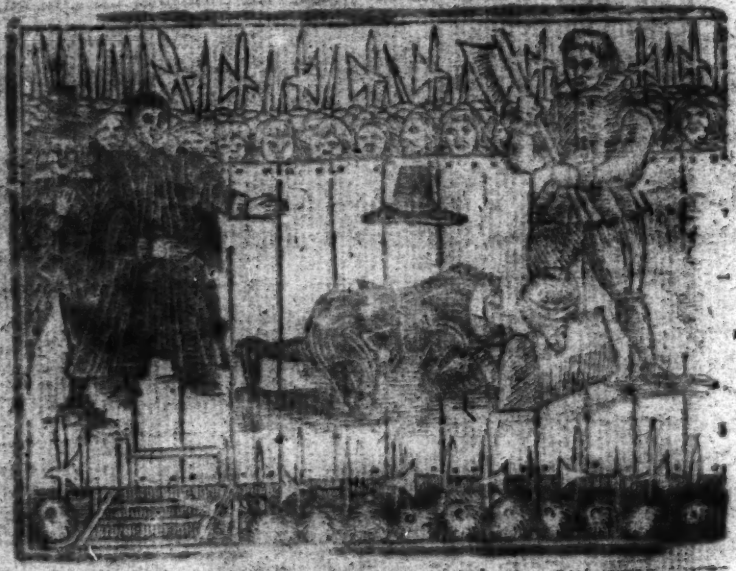

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THE many unpleasing *ecchoes* and *reflections* of these Times, and the sore and itching Ears of some men in all Ages, are such, that they will not indure healing, or sound and wholesome Doctrine, though the pain riseth from the sorenels and inflimation in themselves, and not from the plaister or hand which honestly applies it; yet they are as prone as in *fell holes* and *corrupt tumors*, when touched, though but gently, to fall upon those that are next them, and cry out aloud, *O see, ours me*; when the hurt is within and from themselves. Thus it is, that the Fanaricks of these Times are become Our Disturbers, and not onely against the person of the King, but against the root and foundation of all Monarchy, as well as against the Holy Priesthood. This is the Patient, with whose Hurts, Sores, Bruises, Wounds, and Sorrows these particulars have most impudently

pudled and cruelly pleased themselves, in turning publick miseries of Church and State to their private advantages. Long hath been these National sufferings, (which hath caused the Kingdomes unfeededness) with daily breaking out, and angry tumors, with rare purging and loathsome Potions, with Launcing and Bloodlettings, with cutting off and cauterisings, which will not heal, restore, close, and reintegrate the body, but maim, defame, and cripple the same for ever. To prevent which successive miseries, let every one indeavour to improve the Sanctity and solemnity of all occasions, for a thankful and hopeful opportunity of future miseries; and to vouchsafe us the onely means and directions for the right method and honest way of curing an Afflicted Kingdom, and to preserve her from all such pettifog and cheating Undertakers, those false Quacksalvers, those wanton and cruel Leeches, who did not want skill and knowledge to wrong both Church and State, to conspire the death of their Lawfull Soveraign, *Plus ultra!* and what in them lies, to obstruct the setting of his Gracious Son, and *Great Britains* Royal Soveraign *King* Charles *the Second*. But blessed be God for his deliverance, in that he is pleased to give us Physitians of better eyes and hearts, that may both wisely discern our maladies, and seasonably incounter them with fit remedies. To which posture of Providence we are prone to hope, that we are this day restored by the Valour, Honour, and integrity of those who now have the conduct of Power and Council; I pray God we may have cause to rejoyce long in good earnest, for every days delay of our cure is a chargeable and painfull delusion to the Nation, threatning such a Consumption of

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Spirits, and such delinations of the Nations strength and estate, (besides the debasing of its honour and reputation) as must necessarily (at last) betray us with our Posterity, Estates, Laws, Liberties, and Lives; yea, and with our Reformed Religion (which ought to be dearer to us, as it was to our Forefathers, then both our lives and estates) to that forraign invasion and Romish superstition, which is the grand design of the Jesuitick agitation, whereto are subservient all the fanatick factions of those who are enemies to the just and legal closing or composing our Distractions in Church and State: For doth not experience make it evident, *That a Kingdom devided in it self cannot stand.* And the apparent demonstrations of Gods evident and eminent wrath of indignation, expressed against the enemies of the King, appears in these most memorable and remarkable examples, *viz.*

1. One Sir *Thomas Martin*, Knight of *Cambridgeshire*, a great complier with the times, having been a Hunting in *Helmly* Park, and the Deer being slain, stuck and opened, he desired (together with the other Gentlemen) to wash his hands in the Deers blood: No, (said he,) I had rather wash my hands in the blood of the young King of *Scots*. And immediately after this, riding home the same day at evening, his Horse violently threw him off his Back on the ground; in which fall he pitcht on his Head with such force, that he broke his skull and shoulder, and so but a few dayes continued in great pain and died.

2. The Constable of *Shaw* in *Lancashire*, taking the Engagement, was suddenly so troubled in his Conscience, that notwithstanding the godly exhortations and comfort,

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comforts administred unto him by reverend Divines, yet the apprehension of Gods wrath for what he had done therein, so increased upon him, that he fell distracted, and so continued for many years together.

3. One Mr. [illegible] Minister of [illegible] and Prior in *Worcestershire*, having taken the Engagement for the procuring of an augmentation to his living, returning homeward from *London* after he had taken it, fell presently into such a frighting horror of his Conscience, that he did often endeavour to beat out his own Brains. At length recovering his senses by Gods great mercy, repented bitterly of what he had done, and thereupon departed his life in peace.

4. One *Thomas Hoyl*, who was always accounted a very pious and religious Gentleman, an Alderman of *York* and Member of Parliament, having taken the engagement (even against his Conscience) turned great complyer with them as *Prevailed*. Not long after, it pleased the Lord so to leave him to himself, that on the very same day 12 moneth that King *Charles* was beheaded, yea as near as possibly could be judged about the very same hour of that day the same Gentleman hanged himself at his own house at Yeltminster, and was found dead by his Wife when she came home, who went out early that morning.

5. Mr. *Stevenson* a Silkman in Pater-Noster-Row, at *London*, who had been looked upon as an honest Gentleman, had been a Prayer and an Elder in the Presbiterian way, an Church Government, a very good friend to Mr. *Love*, then his Pastour; but afterward turning with the times, he took the Engagement, and that in form of an Oath; whereupon he was made a Common Council-man, and

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[illegible] enemy and hater of the party above-mentioned, [illegible]
Wife, and in very good earnest [illegible] concerning [illegible]
ding at his Counter in his shop; and his Wife [illegible] by
him, he on a sudden fell down dead by her and never
spake one word.

Colonel Pen, a Citizen of [illegible] a great
Professor of religion, and a member of [illegible] in
the House of Commons, but he being seized with the
times (as others were) became an engager and quickly
[illegible] for and with them at Worcester fight, and proved
a great enemy unto the Presbyterians [illegible] They
would often use these words against them: That they
[illegible]
that on the next day after that horrible [illegible]
Jenkin their minister of Christ-Church [illegible]
requesting him over to [illegible]
of the City, wherein [illegible]
chief Actors, and had most churlishly carried [illegible]
ward the said man aforementioned to the Committee-
ven that day, whereon the godly [illegible]
red, which was July the [illegible]
pleased the Lord, I say, that [illegible] following,
July 7. going to bed, as perfectly well and in health, as
ever in his life, and his Wife lying by him, he fell asleep
by her immediately, and slept without making any com-
plaint of the least distemper, but the next morning she
awaking, found him quite dead by her in the bed, he ne-
ver having made the least groan. And thus God banish-
ed him from the living!

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I shall conclude all with the memorable example of Gods justice upon [illegible] an officer [illegible] and Ex-
[illegible] in the Army, who had a great hand in bringing the
[illegible]ding to his death; and cried out, *Justice, Justice, Justice,*
[illegible]peatedly against him; and *this in the face of* Westminster-
Hall *as he was going to his Trial*, before his condemnation.
[illegible] Not long after this Ex-
[illegible] was Tryed for his life by a Council of War, who condem-
[illegible]ned him *to be shot to Death* as a Mutineer in Pauls Church-
[illegible]yard. *London*, [illegible]
[illegible] These two of the Fanatick party having
[illegible]s imposed, That two of the Fanatick party having
[illegible]s imbarqued themselves for *Flanders*, with a resolution to
[illegible]ll or *Fifel the King*, the one of them, when he arrived
[illegible] at *Brussels* was very much troubled in Conscience, and
[illegible] at *Brussels* was very much troubled in Conscience, and
[illegible] the third day after his arrival, resolved to declare that
[illegible] bloody [illegible] and so accordingly acquainted upon to notorious a Villa-
[illegible] which was generally depended upon to notorious a Villa-
[illegible] *Duke*; and thereupon devoted himself to his
[illegible] Majesty. And humbly begging pardon, discovered the
[illegible] designs, for which he was well rewarded, and the
[illegible] other [illegible]

One *John Friend*, a Franciscian Fryer, for attempting to
Poyson the King, was also beheaded by Orders from the
most Christian King of *France*.

[illegible]red, which was July the [illegible] day, then next Friday following
[illegible]pleated the Lord, I lay, that on next Friday following
[illegible] July [illegible] as peaceably and [illegible]
[illegible] over in Heaven, and his Will [illegible] him. He fell asleep
[illegible] by immediately, and slept without rousing as com-
[illegible]plaint of the least disorder, but the next morning the
[illegible] awaking, found him quite dead in the bed, he never
[illegible]ving made the least groan. And thus God hath
[illegible]ed him from the [illegible]

FINIS.